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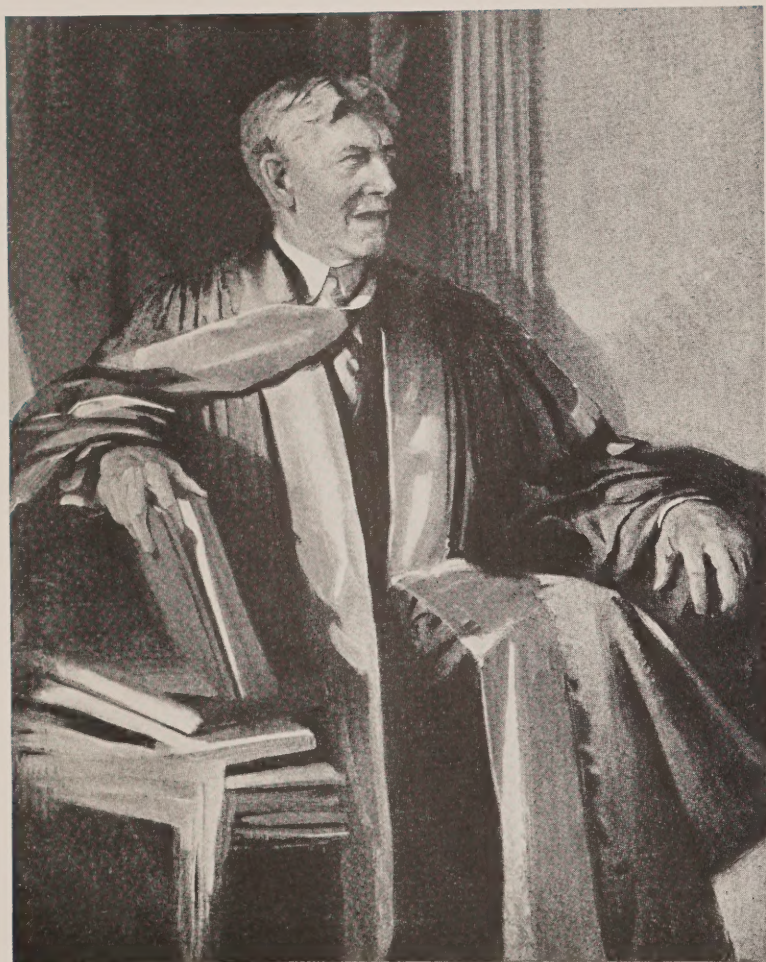
• FOREWORD •

*To preserve the memories
of the achievements and joys of our
preparatory school days at Monson,
we, the class of nineteen
hundred twenty-nine
publish this
book*

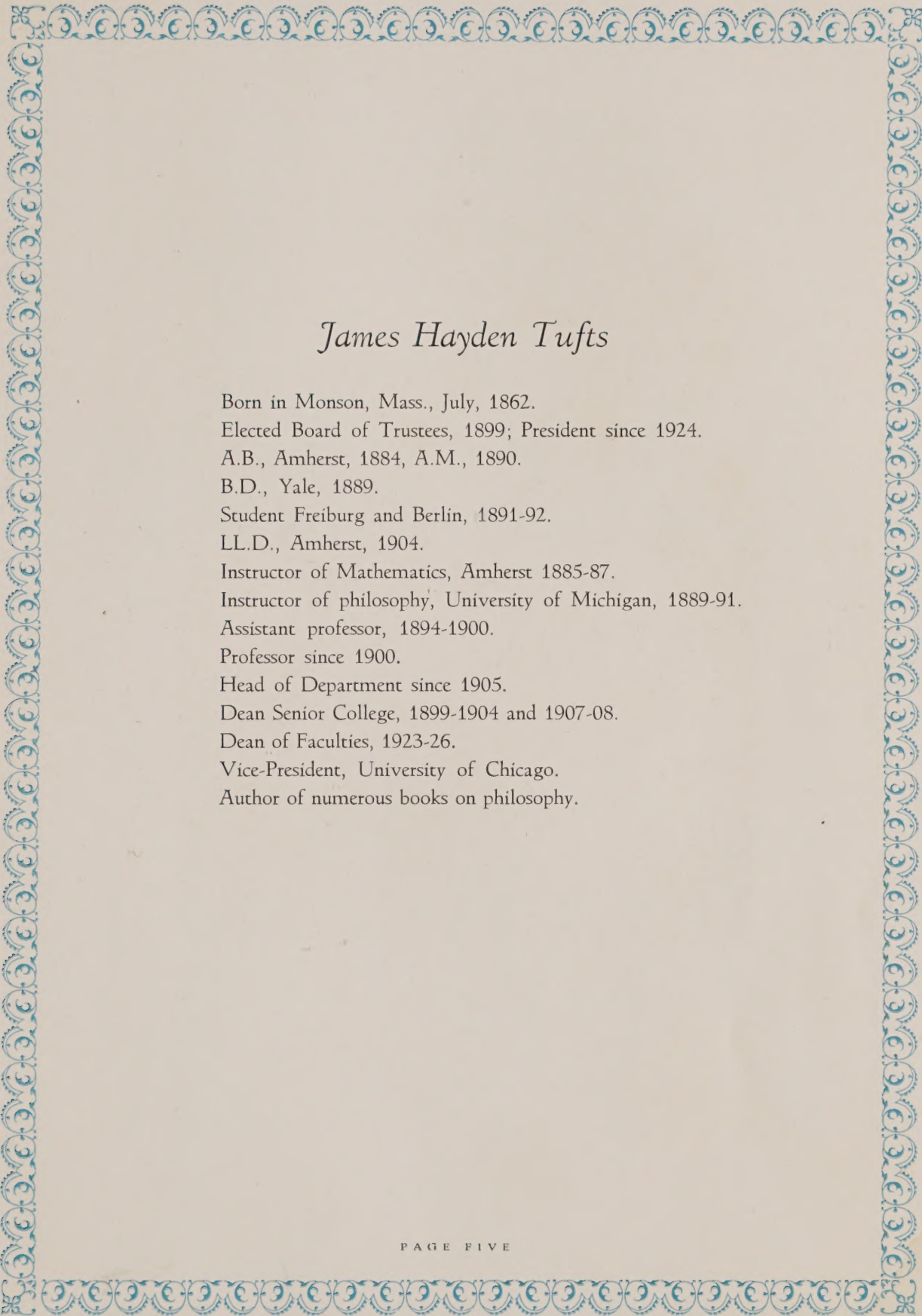
• DEDICATION •

*to Thaddius L. Cushman, the
friend of
Monson Academy,
we dedicate
this book*

THE STAFF



JAMES H. TUFTS



James Hayden Tufts

Born in Monson, Mass., July, 1862.

Elected Board of Trustees, 1899; President since 1924.

A.B., Amherst, 1884, A.M., 1890.

B.D., Yale, 1889.

Student Freiburg and Berlin, 1891-92.

LL.D., Amherst, 1904.

Instructor of Mathematics, Amherst 1885-87.

Instructor of philosophy, University of Michigan, 1889-91.

Assistant professor, 1894-1900.

Professor since 1900.

Head of Department since 1905.

Dean Senior College, 1899-1904 and 1907-08.

Dean of Faculties, 1923-26.

Vice-President, University of Chicago.

Author of numerous books on philosophy.



Original Academy Building



Parade from Church, One Hundredth Anniversary, 1904

School History

ONE hundred and twenty-five years is a long period and to write the history of Monson Academy fully from its incorporation, June 21, 1804, until now would require more space than is permitted in this sketch. There are, however, milestones along the way that we can call attention to.

From the records it appears that in 1804 there seemed a need for a new Academy between Westfield on the west and Leicester on the east. Both Monson and Brimfield were eager for the honor. One pledged as much money as the other, but the choice fell on Monson and the Commonwealth granted the new school an endowment of a half township in the then Province of Maine. The young people of Monson were induced to take up farms in this township and they went out as pioneers to clear the land and make homes for themselves. So far as any record shows there did not arise any large income from this source but it constituted the first endowment fund of the Academy.

Dr. Hammond says in his historical address in 1854, "Monson Academy had its origin, undoubtedly, in a general movement in favor of education which took place near the close of the eighteenth century and in consequence of which a distinct, and in some respects a peculiar class of schools was established, which then received the new and somewhat ambitious title of Academies. The Academy was not a local school but a State institution. It could receive its pupils from any town or State although it was established to meet the needs of a certain section of the State. The interests of the Academy were confided to a permanent board of trust like those of most colleges, composed of men of learning and substantial character."

Only one name among the list of original trustees is repeated on the board of today:—the name of Flynt. In 1804 Rufus Flynt; in 1929 Henry N. Flynt, his great grand-son; and in between the stretch of years the son and grand-son of Rufus Flynt served as trustees, so for four generations the family has been connected with the board of trustees:—an unequalled record. Close to it is the name of Norcross, serving for three generations and in the early history of the school Joel Norcross is named as its largest benefactor.

It is impossible to measure service by years or generations but it seems fitting here to recall the long service of Dr. Alfred Ely in behalf of the church and school. A trustee for sixty years he gave liberally of himself and his means. To him is given the credit for the establishment of the "Charity Fund," or Education Fund as it is now called. Its original purpose was to aid young men studying for the ministry but the Court has permitted a freer use of the income in these later years. A fine portrait of Dr. Ely hangs in the Academy chapel and is familiar to the student body. Well might the student of today pause before it and say "Great is the gift that I owe to you."

It is fitting here to mention the names of three other former trustees whose portraits also hang in the chapel:—Hon. William N. Flynt, Mr. E. F. Morris, and Mr. C. W. Holmes, Jr., each of whom showed his love and devotion to the school through long years of service. The Holmes name is associated with the Gymnasium and is still represented on the board of trustees, Miss Esther R. Holmes being the only woman ever elected to that office. To her and to her family Monson Academy owes much of its present equipment and prosperity. As further evidence of the loyalty of the trustees during the one hundred and twenty-five years there have been but 11 presidents, 7 treasurers and 10 secretaries.

A list of headmasters and instructors is of value but this is not the time for enumerating them. Suffice it to know that such a record is preserved and from this list no



1804 — One Hundredth Anniversary — 1904

SCHOOL HISTORY—Continued

one can object to our pausing long enough to pay tribute to Dr. Charles Hammond; first a student and later principal for three different terms of service. He was a leading educator of his day. During his service as principal there came to Monson Academy in 1847 three from the first group of Chinese boys sent to America to be educated. Dr. Yung Wing was one of these.

What a long procession it would be if the thousands of teachers and students of the one hundred and twenty-five years could pass in review before us! There would be these strangers from across the seas; there would be noted clergymen and missionaries; there would be distinguished lawyers and judges; there would be successful business men and college professors and there would be college builders like Dr. Charles Sumner, largely responsible for Pomona College in California, and Rev. Cushing Eels (a co-laborer with Marcus Whitman) active in establishing Whitman College in Oregon. And there would be the large number from humble homes and households whose lives were enlarged and sweetened by the student years in Monson Academy.

In Dr. Hammond's semi-centennial address he speaks of the condition and appearance of Monson as seen by the earliest graduates. "The entire village was constituted by the church, the Academy, a tavern, a store, and half a dozen dwellings." It seems strange to think of only one house between the Academy and Cushman Street. That house is now in the rear of the Bank building but formerly stood on the street line. The manufacturing business had not been developed and the inhabitants of one hundred and twenty-five years ago "lived not in the villages in the vale but dwelt apart from each other on the hills, as tillers of the soil."

It is interesting to note that in the early days no Central Vermont Railroad disturbed the tranquility of the village. An early catalogue says, "The stage goes from Springfield to Providence on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and returning the following days passes through Southbridge soon after the stage from Boston." The catalogue of today says, "Excellent automobile roads converge near Palmer so that Monson may be reached in a day's travel from many points three hundred miles away." When the 150th anniversary comes around the catalogue may say, "Ample facilities for landing are provided at the aviation field!"

Dr. Hammond thus concludes his address in 1854: "The young in great numbers, from all parts of the land, will in all the future continue to carry from this institution, as we have carried, the pleasant remembrances of this pleasant vale, which will doubtless be to many of them, as it may have been to some of us, like the happy valley of Rasselas, from whence he went forth, the young and ardent aspirant for the wisdom and honors of the world, to find, in his wanderings, no place on earth to him so lovely as the vale he had left." It is seventy-five years since Dr. Hammond wrote thus but again and again have returning alumni testified to their love for "Dear old Monson."

The original Academy building was built by general subscriptions. It was a square wooden building standing on the site of the present building and costing about \$4000.00. In 1863, after the Academy had been closed temporarily because of the war, Dr. Hammond was induced to return for his third term as principal and the building was enlarged by the addition of two wings. In 1886 this original building was burned and the future looked uncertain but funds were raised and from the ruins arose the building of today. In 1888 Dr. Hammond's old home was purchased to provide a residence for the headmaster and accommodations for other teachers and students. While the property was thus used it was designated as Hammond Hall. Then in 1900 came the gift of the Holmes Gymnasium, followed in 1903 by the erection of Cushman Hall. When this building was ready for occupancy Hammond Hall passed out of existence and in

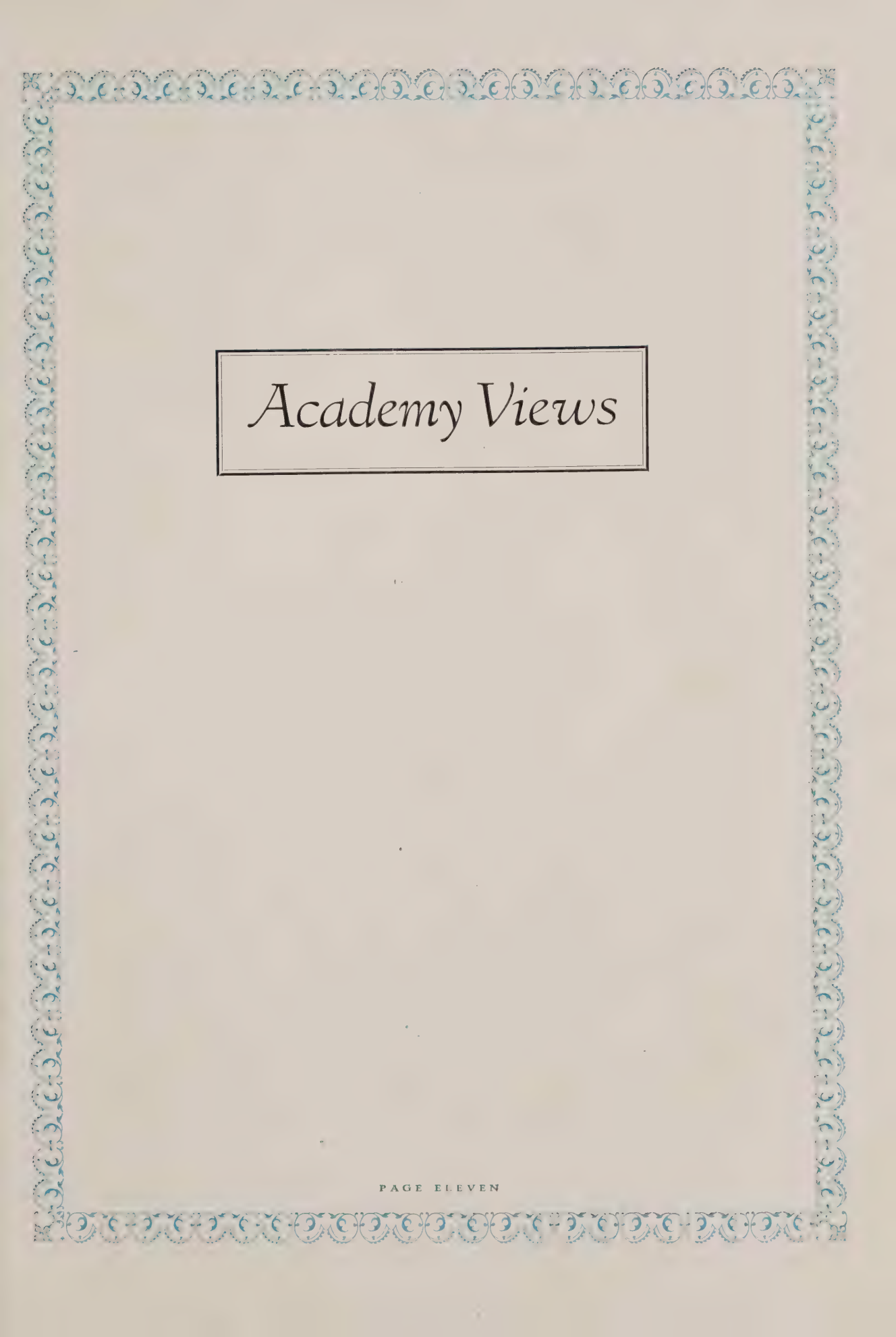
SCHOOL HISTORY—Continued

its stead came Hammond Place, the present attractive home of the headmaster. In 1911 the Trustees received the gift of Cushman Field and in 1927 the gift of the Morris House, so that comparing the equipment of today with the modest building of 1804 the Academy has come a long way. A replacement valuation on the Academy property of today would be fifty times the value of that original building. But there is still need of other friends to add further equipment to meet the hopes and plans for the future. The catalogue of 1824 makes mention of an interesting little building that many of the alumni will recall but which gave way to the Holmes Gymnasium. It says, "The trustees have at a considerable expense procured from London a philosophical apparatus and fitted a convenient room for experiments. They have also erected a suitable building for a laboratory in which a course of lectures with experiments in chemistry will be delivered." In this connection it may be stated that this laboratory probably antedates those of many colleges.

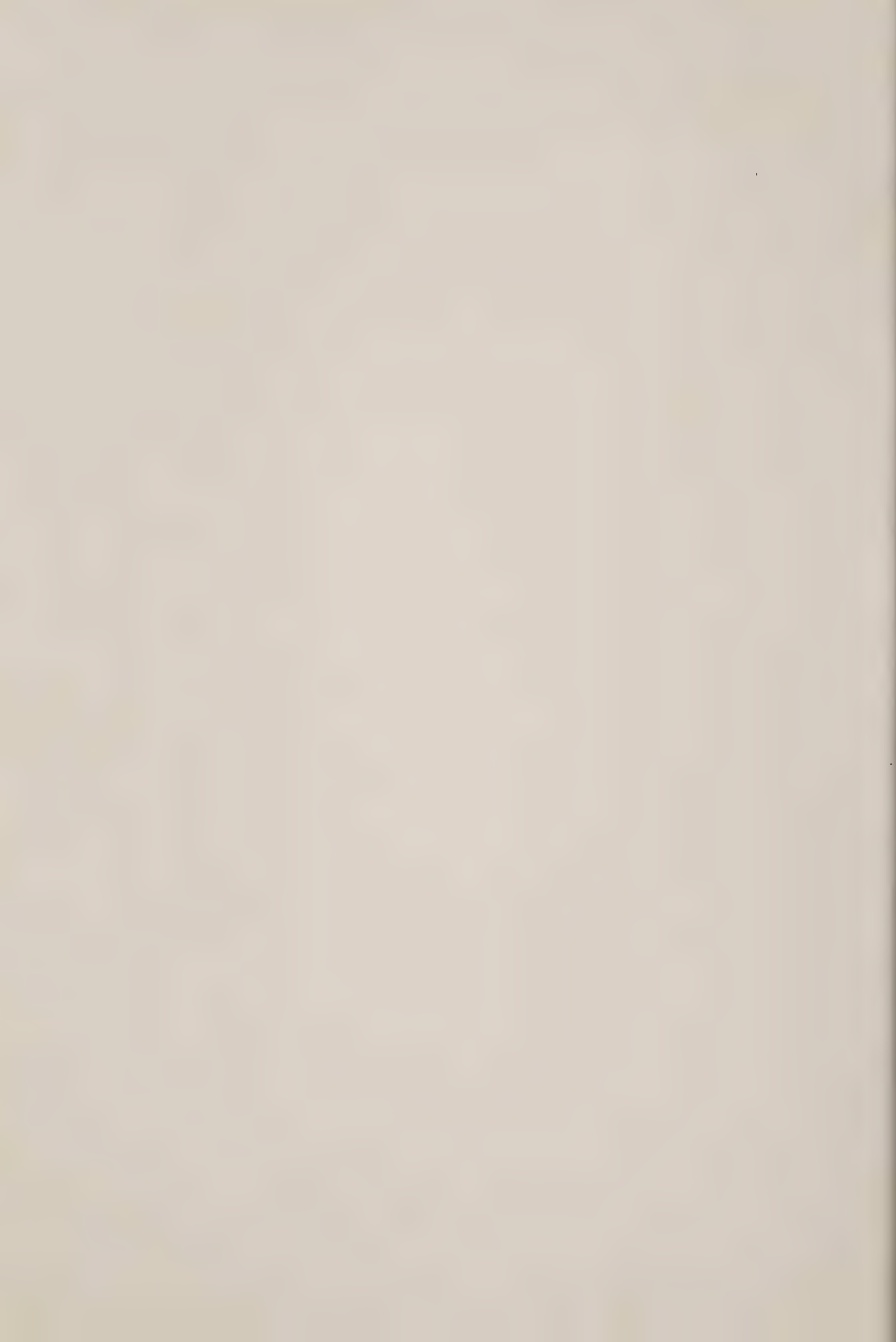
Quoting once more from Dr. Hammond:—"It is believed that no institution in the State has ever accomplished more with such limited means than Monson Academy. Its best endowments have been the zeal and sympathy of devoted trustees and teachers and the patronage of its alumni." Aside from these valuable endowments the Academy has added to its original endowment fund in the one hundred and twenty-five years by gifts and legacies, and other distinct funds have been set up so that today the market value of the securities in the several funds will very nearly equal the replacement value of the physical property of the Academy.

For a number of years the Academy served the Town as a high school, the Town paying the regular tuition but having no voice in the management of the school. This arrangement was terminated in 1923 by an amendment to the State Constitution denying State aid to institutions like Monson Academy, and so for a second time the doors of the Academy were closed temporarily while the Trustees developed plans for the re-opening as a college preparatory school for boys. The Town of Monson has its high school and Monson Academy still lives.





Academy Views





Academy
Building and
Holmes
Gymnasium



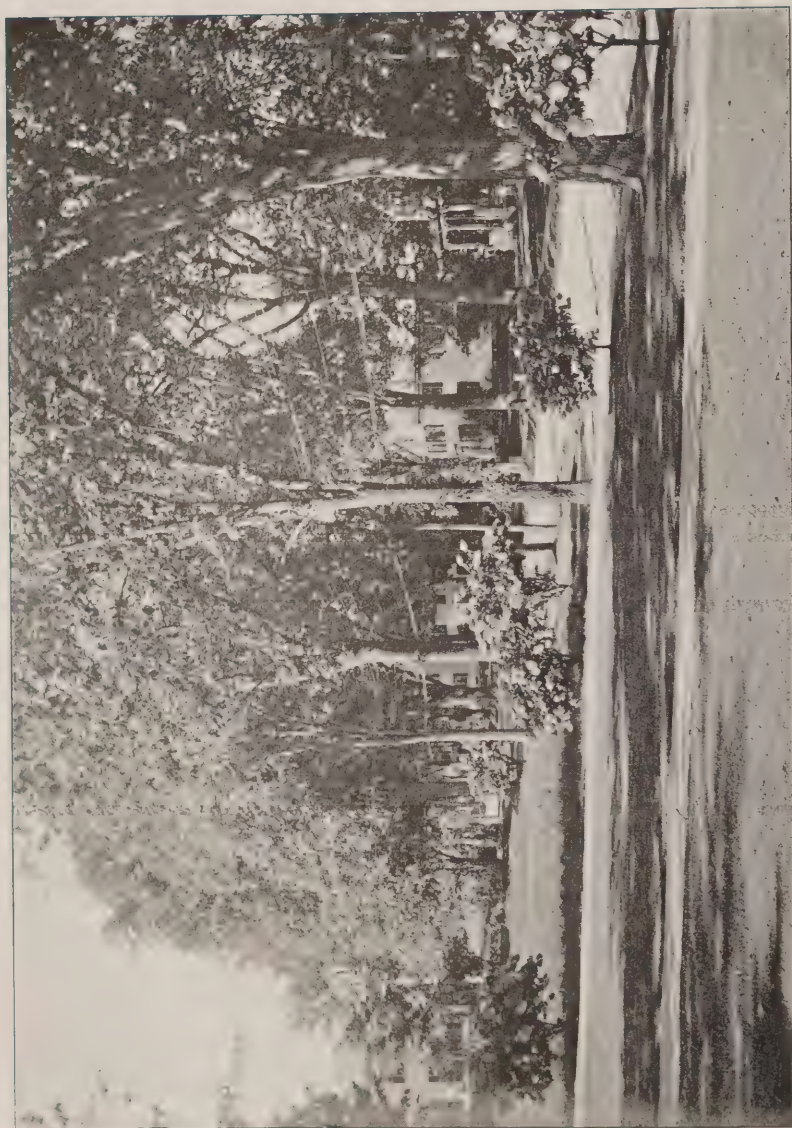
Cushman
Hall

Cushman Hall

CUSHMAN HALL, the main dormitory of the Academy, was given as a memorial to Frank Chapin Cushman by his uncle, Thaddeus L. Cushman, in 1904. It is a three-story building of Flemish bond brick and granite, containing about thirty rooms. Its location and beauty make it one of the notable architectural units of the Academy. The first floor contains the common room at the south end and the dining room at the north end. The former is the recreational center of the school. Here, the students gather on Sunday evening during the school year to sing, and listen to inspirational talks by the headmaster and others, while a cheery fire in the fire-place softens the vigor of a New England winter. A piano, ping pong tables, and checker boards are provided for amusement. Two large divans add to the comfort of the students.

The dining room is large and pleasant. Care is taken in the seating arrangement so that social contacts may be widened. The students alternate in waiting on the tables. Adjoining the dining room, in the front of the building, is a reception room comfortably furnished where students and masters may entertain friends and relatives. The apartment of the matron is on the main floor also. The sleeping rooms are located on the second and third floors. These are double and single rooms. The end rooms on each floor are occupied by the masters. The whole atmosphere of the dormitory is home-like.

An oil painting of Frank Chapin Cushman hangs in the hall facing the entrance. In the common room a bronze tablet given by Mrs. Rufus P. Cushman in 1928 honors his memory. On this tablet is placed each year the name of the boy, who in the judgment of his fellow students, best exemplifies the ideals of clean living, fair-dealing, truthfulness, and industry.



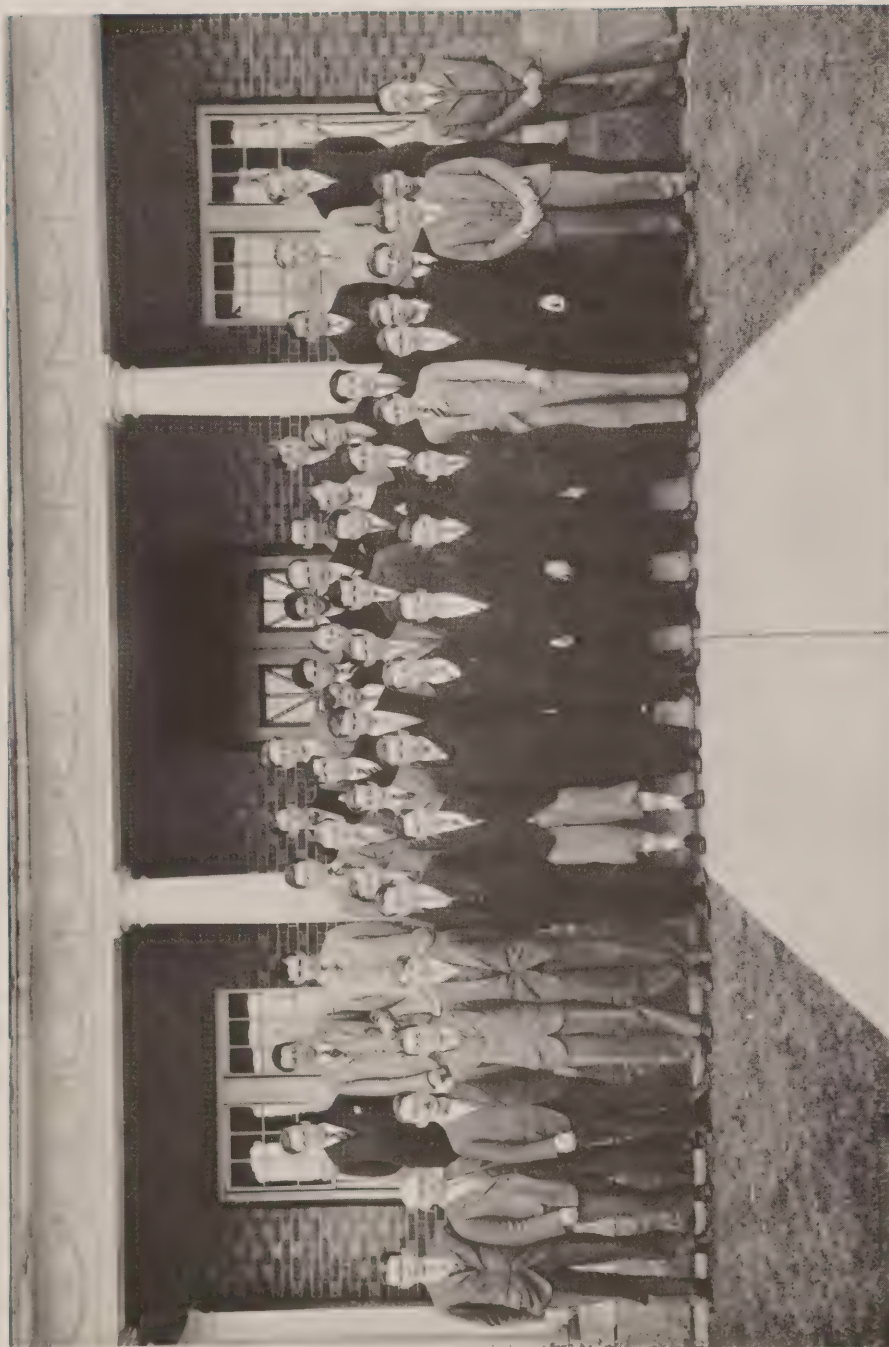
High Street—
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Morris House

Morris House

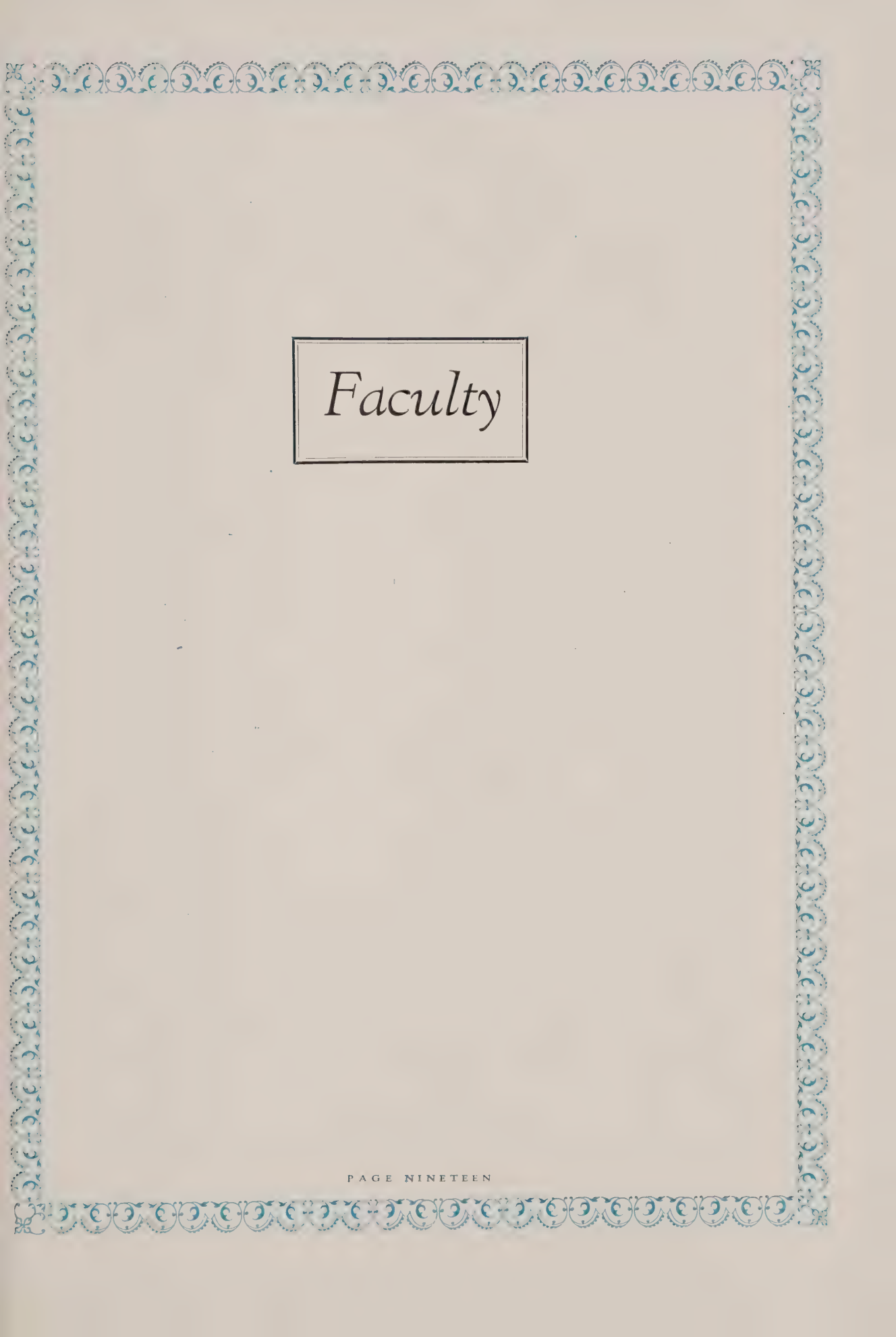
IN 1927, Miss Esther R. Holmes deeded to the Trustees of Monson Academy, Morris House, and gave a generous sum of money to make this frame structure completely modern. The remodelling was done and the dwelling has made an ideal place for living this last year.

The edifice itself has more of the appearances of a home than do structures built originally for dormitory purposes. The truth remains that more is required for a pleasant living abode than four walls—no matter how beautiful they may be. The spirits within make the all-important contribution. They must be congenial and willing to cooperate, and so they have been this last year in Morris House. There have been small disagreements. Such are to be expected. No stratum of society is without them. We all realize that certain sensitive spots must be touched occasionally in the ordinary routine and that certain restrictions are necessary for the provision of the right atmosphere of periodic study.

In a nutshell, ten Seniors, a bachelor master, and a newly married master in his apartment on the first floor, during the school year of 1928-29 have used this quaint old house on the hill as the place of all trades—studying, yarning, and playing the usual games; and will no doubt have many happy reminiscences of it in the future.



The Student Body



Faculty



BERTRAM A. STROHMEIER
Headmaster



Faculty

BERTRAM A. STROHMEIER	<i>Headmaster</i>
HENRY W. BENTON	<i>French</i>
CECIL H. WOOD	<i>Science</i>
THEODORE C. CONRAD	<i>Latin</i>
EDWARD J. HICKEY	<i>History</i>
LAWRENCE G. BLISS	<i>English</i>

Heard at the Faculty Meeting

IT was the final faculty meeting of the year and a discussion was being held concerning the season's activities.

"The 'pith' of it all was the faculty debate," Mr. Bliss was saying.

"I agree," piped up Mr. Wood, "and the scientific reason for our success was that the other side was 'foggy'."

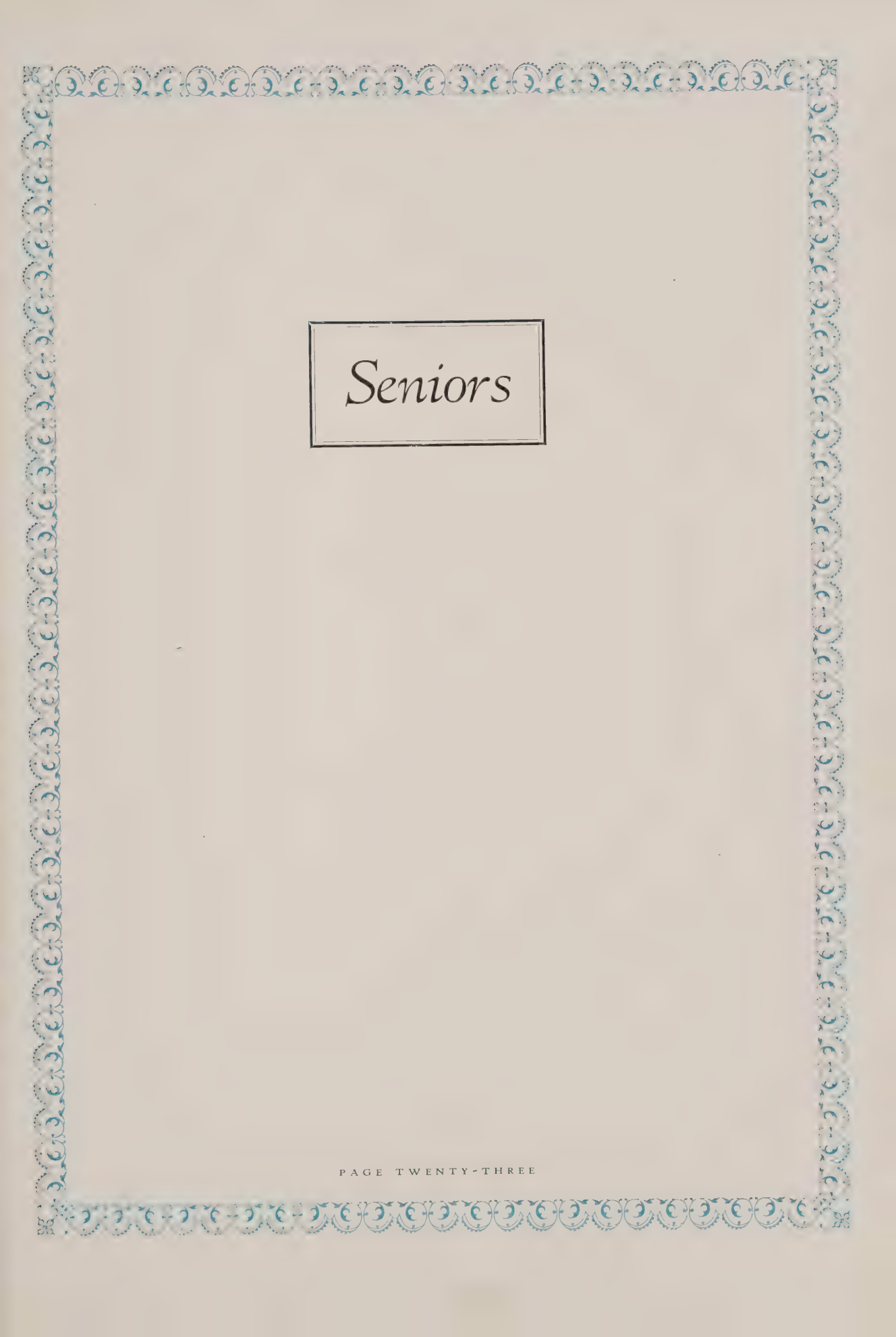
Mr. Strohmeier arose, scratched his head, put his hands in his pockets and asked, "are there any announcements?" If not, has anyone the time?"

"Yes it's in my pocket," Mr. Wood stated, but before he could look Mr. Conrad had informed the gathering that it was "ten till."

"Let me see your naked body," Mr. Benton yelled out, as this discussion of time roused him from his day dream. "I want to see if you have scarlet fever."

At this point a loud clamor was heard outside. "Are you boys making a noise?" Mr. Hickey queried as he came upon the scene with Mr. Benton following carrying a fresh supply of slips.

At the resumption of the session Mr. Strohmeier looked over his memorandum book; Mr. Bliss cleared his throat; Mr. Conrad was thinking of how he would miss Billy Sampson; Mr. Hickey began to chuckle over one of his jokes; Mr. Wood started to make a clever remark but remembered where he was; Mr. Benton—that is for you to guess.



Seniors

Class History

AS the excitement caused by the arrival of the Harmonica died away and the crowd that had gathered to see it, slowly disappeared, two city fed youths were left standing on the platform. After some deliberation each came to the conclusion that they were going to the same place. Acquainting themselves they started down the dusty road which led, they knew not where, but as it was the only one they had no other choice. After some trudging, they succeeded in arriving in front of Cushman Hall, and here they hesitated not knowing whether to go in or turn around and run. However, they were relieved of this embarrassment when a man opened the door and welcomed them in. These lads were Jack Gardiner and Mouse Bacon. These two boys with four others formed the nucleus of the class of 1929.

By the end of two weeks these six boys had found their stride and were progressing with a steady pull which most of them maintained throughout the school year. Although this was the first time most of them had been to boarding school, it did not interfere with their taking an active part in the school activities. The vice-president and treasurer of the Debating Club was chosen from this class, and it was also represented on athletic teams. At the end of the year they disbanded assuring each other that next September would find them all gathered together again.

The next year only half of the class returned, but with the enrollment of Sidney Carsley, Newton Carlson, John Flynn, Raymond Gray, Sibley Squire, Kibball Shaw, and Sydney Pendleton, this class was counterbalanced. From this group the school received strong support as there were several lettermen. Athletics were not the only interest of the newcomers. For every club and activity of the school contained members of this class. Of course, we can't all be perfect, but nevertheless our scholarship was far from mediocre.

All through the summer of 1928, our little group eagerly counted the days that remained before they could return to school with the privilege of calling themselves seniors.

It was not long, after the resumption of classes that Sydney Pendleton, Newton Carlson, and John Gardiner were elected to the student council. Things in general looked very promising. The football team was the best that the new Academy had produced and at Thanksgiving an extra holiday was granted for unusual scholarship. With the exception of the big dance, these are the fall terms outstanding features.

Scarlet fever was the big event in the period following Christmas and while quarantined the seniors introduced inter-class contests. President Gardiner called the Debating Society together for several meetings and the basketball season, which was almost completed before the plague set in, is recorded as the most successful.

In spring young men's thoughts turn to love but our seniors began to think of college. Everybody became studious, strange to say, but still the class was well represented in outside activities. For example we might mention the orchestra, glee club, dramatic club and baseball team.

But we almost forgot to mention the three additions to the class namely: Edward Williams, Robert Beecher, and later a Humphrey Nolen.

We sincerely hope that some of our suggestions will be followed by succeeding classes. We are proud of the fact that we are the first class to be organized with officers and that this year-book has been published.

It is true that all of us have not taken the complete course at Monson but nevertheless we will be proud to consider ourselves graduates.



WILLIAM HOPE BACON, JR.

"Mouse"

M. I. T.

Debating Club (3, 2, 1); Vice-President (1); Chairman Subject Committee (1); Glee Club (2, 1); Dramatic Club (1); Manager of Football (1); Rifle Team (2, 1); Dance Committee (1); Debating Club 3rd. Prize (2).

Visitors to our fair Academy often wonder what is wrong when they see two stalwart youths walking downtown with a little child running between them. If only they knew that the child was William Bacon, Jr., a senior in Monson Academy. Everyone calls him Mouse even to the fifth class to whom he is no terror. But as Goldsmith aptly wrote "And still the wonder grew that one small head could carry all he knew."

Mouse is a fine child what with his free transportation to the Big City and back in his Chevvy and his perpetual jabber of aeroplanes and automobiles.

ROBERT SLOAN BEECHER

"Bob"

Amherst

Debating Club (1); Assistant Editor "Year Book" (1); Glee Club (1); Orchestra (1); Dramatic Club (1); President (1); Basketball Seconds (1); Morris House Tigers (1).

Until this year we had always thought that anyone who intended his life's occupation to be the spreading of the Gospel was necessarily an odd person. This fall, however, thanks to Bob Beecher our eyes were opened. On hearing of his intentions, we were at first inclined to regard him as a person to be wondered at, but after learning that he could play the piano well, was a good orator, and a general all around good sport we took him up as one of us.





HENRY NEWTON CARLSON
"Swede" *Harvard*

Student Council (2, 1); Class President (1); Debating Club (2); Advertising Manager "Year Book" (1); Athletic Award (2); Treasurer Athletic Association (2); President (1); Football (2, 1); Basketball (2, 1); Baseball (2, 1); Captain (1); Rifle (2); Morris House Committee (1); Morris House Tigers (1); Chairman Reception Committee (1).

As a strong silent man from the North, we have Swede Carlson. Nothing perturbs him—except a class in Math. 1 and 2. But no one can blame him for that. Swede has a good future in store for him as a receptacle for the woes of mankind. Every one confides in him and what is more he never tells. That is what we like about him. Other things we like are his good nature, athletic prowess, and the fact he can make a success of anything he sets out to do.

SIDNEY HOPKINS CARSELEY
"Doc" *Amherst*

Glee Club (2, 1); Orchestra (1); Athletic Award (2); Football (2, 1); Basketball (2, 1); Baseball (2); Morris House Tigers (1); Dance Committee (1).

In every group of forty or more boys there is bound to be a born musician. Our specimen is "Doc" Carseley who can play almost anything. That talent, however, is not his only drawing card. A keen wit and understanding of clean humor is after all his main attraction. It is a delightful sensation to have had for a comrade a real humorist. Here's hoping he keeps up his high standard. Athletics form another major division of this remarkable lad's activities. He not only managed to score more points in football than any one else, but also managed to be high man in basketball.





JOHN HANLON FLYNN

"Porky"

Fordham

Glee Club (2, 1); Manager (1); Dramatic Club (1); Athletic Award (2); Football (2, 1); Acting Captain (2); Basketball Squad (1); Baseball (2, 1). Imagine an inhabitant of Erin of the Neolithic age. Put clothes on him and you have John Flynn. Only a Neolithic man couldn't talk and John can. But not counting his swash-buckling attitude, and his usual effervescent talk John is a good fellow. College will take to him. He has an incredible thirst for knowledge and that is what we like about him. He is our ideal American boy. A fine physique with the mental capacity for great works, Oh, if we only had more like you, Porky.

JOHN CRANE GARDINER, JR.

"Jack", "Jake"

Amherst

Student Council (2, 1); Chairman (1); Class Vice-President (1); Debating Club (3, 2, 1); Treasurer (3); Vice-President (2); President (1); Business Manager Yearbook (1); Glee Club (1); Manager of Football (2); Manager of Basketball (2); Manager of Baseball (1); Morris House Committee (1); Chairman Reception Committee (2, 1); Assistant Editor School Paper (3); Debating Club 2nd Prize (3); Joseph Rose Dorman Prize (2).

Three years ago Jack entered amongst us to make for himself in our hearts during the ensuing years a place which we truthfully say can never expect to be filled by anyone else. Jack after a questionable high school career settled down to work and has achieved the honor of being a leading figure in all school activities due to his native good sense and judgment. "Love-Sick" also has his lighter moods as the cognomen proves and when in these he is irresistible to both sexes.





RAYMOND FRED GRAY

"Ray", "Willie"

Wesleyan

Debating Club (2); Glee Club (1); Basketball Seconds (2); Baseball Seconds (2).

Often may we hear through the corridors of the Academy Building the discordant notes of that composition "The Midnight Fire Alarm" indicative of what we think is the ambition of one Raymond Gray to become a pianist in some Nick-clo-deon. But our Willie is not as lowly as the above might lead you to think. For Raymond is a student, a lover of fine things and fine thoughts. We wouldn't be at all surprised to hear some day that he had written a book on poetry. Good poetry, too.

"Hump" - HUMPHREY NOLEN

Cornell

Art Editor "Yearbook" (1); Basketball Seconds (1); Captain (1); Baseball Squad (1); Morris House Tigers (1); Morris House Committee (1).

The old adage, "clothes make the man" is obviously amiss as regards "Hump" Nolen, our latest member. To see Hump one could imagine that here was a modern prototype of the gambler of the days of Dead eye Dick. But beneath this flashy exterior there is a heart of gold and a winning personality. He is the most dynamic person on the campus, and is always the leader against any movement to deprive the hardworking school boy of his rights.





SYDNEY ASHBY PENDLETON

"Syd"

Student Council (2, 1); Chairman (1); Class Secretary-Treasurer (1); Debating Club (2, 1); Sergeant-at-Arms (1); Editor "Year Book" (1); Glee Club (2, 1); Dramatic Club (1); Secretary-Treasurer Athletic Association (2, 1); Athletic Award (2); Football (2, 1); Basketball (2, 1); Baseball (2, 1); Morris House Tigers (1); Rifle Team (2, 1); Dance Committee (2, 1); Chairman Reception Committee (2, 1).

Syd came to us last year as a final touch to a brilliant high school career in the sunny state of Florida. He immediately won our respect in the classroom by always having his work in A. 1. condition of which we never grew jealous, knowing it to be the result of long hours of determined study; on the athletic field he has excelled in all sports due to his indomitable courage.

BENJAMIN KIMBALL SHAW

"Butts"

Amherst

Glee Club (2, 1); Orchestra (2, 1); Dramatic Club (1); Athletic Award (2); Football (2); Basketball (1); Baseball (2, 1); Morris House Tigers (1).

Ben Shaw—the class problem—after raising the high school roof came to Monson where he also seems to have settled down. Ben is a good boy and we expect a lot of him when he gets out in the world with his ready smile, his ambling gait, and his farmer's yodel with which we expect him to win the hog-calling championship of Bondsville in the near future. Ah we muse, if only Ben instead of crawling off to bed afternoons had added his natural brawn to our puny efforts to creating an athletic record for ourselves.





SIBLEY DRAPER SQUIRE

"Sib"

Union

Debating Club (2, 1); Dramatic Club (1); Assistant Business Manager (1); Football (2, 1); Basketball Squad (1); Baseball (2, 1); Rifle Team (2, 1); Captain (1); Morris House Tigers (1); Chairman Reception Committee (1).

When a year ago we saw among the new boys a sturdy blond fellow we thought to ourselves—here is another of those blonds and we were right. But Sib is a new sample of the blond. He has the Nordic Stick-to-it-iveness mixed with the Slavic imagination and love of beauty. Sib has made friends here owing to his fine sense of humor, his knack of telling funny stories and his reserved air as if a powerful thing waiting to be called on to do its best for any rightful cause.

EDWARD B. WILLIAMS

"Ed"

Amherst

Debating Club (1); Glee Club (1); Orchestra (1); Dramatic Club (1); Football Squad (1); Basketball Squad (1); Baseball Squad (1); Morris House Tigers (1).

After winning all the scholastic and athletic honors of Taunton our little hero packed up his five or six trunks and came to Monson. It is safe to say that it will be many a day before we meet another "Wil-yums." One of the unsolved mysteries is how parts of his trumpet could have disappeared when he tried so hard to play for us. In desperation he returned at Christmas with a cow's horn and chained it to the wall. Now Morris House has the healthy barn atmosphere.





MILTON DAVID RUMPEL

"Rump"

M. I. T.

Student Council (2); Debating Club (2); Treasurer (2); Glee Club (2, 1); President Athletic Association (2); Baseball Squad (3); Chairman Dance Committee (2).

From the hinterlands of the country came Milton Rumpel to taste of the fruits of a New England Preparatory school education. When the school first saw him it was dumbfounded and considered its task impossible. Milt, however, rose above the reputation and proved to be a diamond in the rough which we take great pleasure in having ground to its present state of sartorial and intellectual brilliancy; the sartorial perfection due to frequent trips to New York and Smith College; the intellectual polish to the constant ministrations of the faculty.

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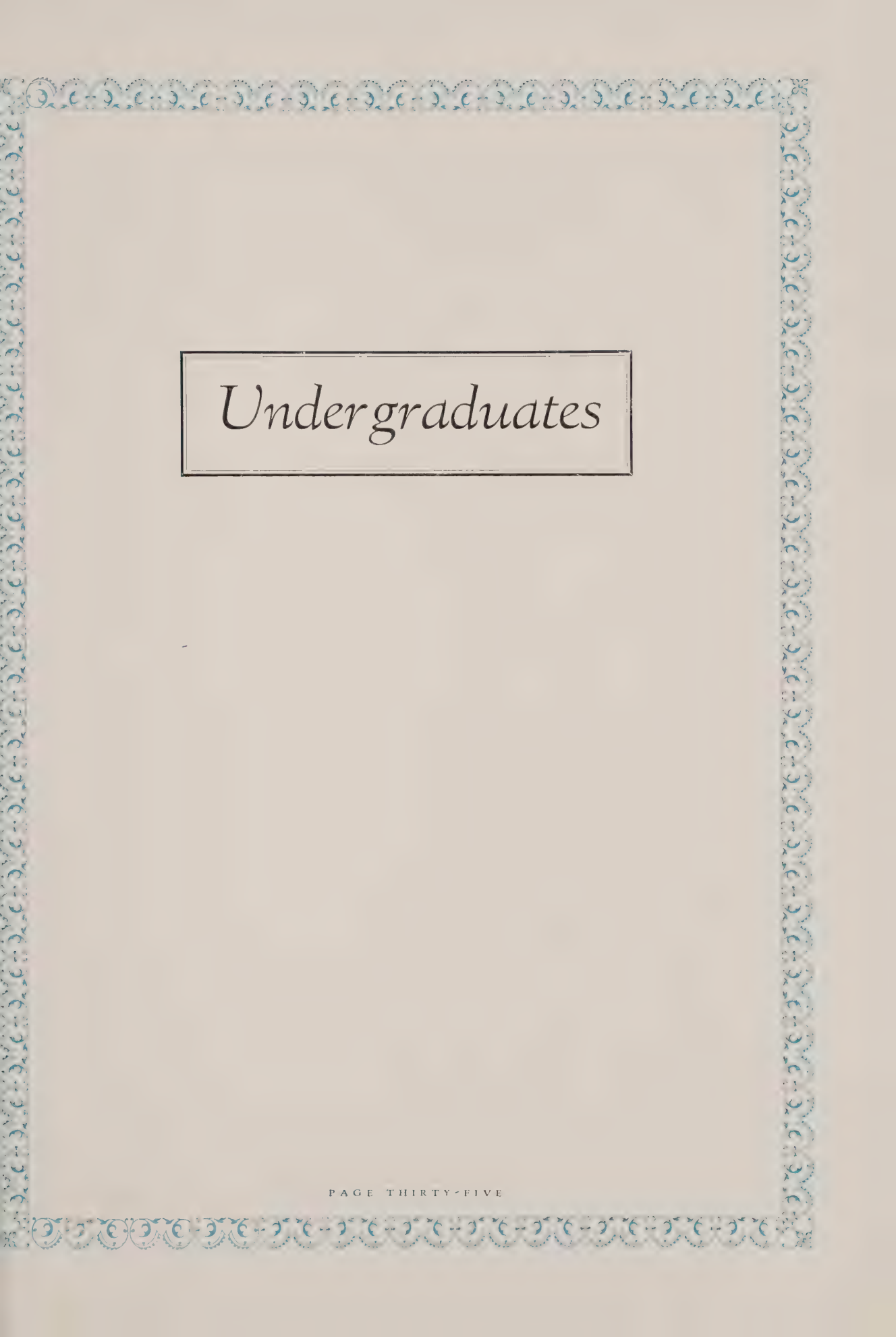
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Dumbest	EDWARD WILLIAMS
Smoothest	HUMPHREY NOLEN
Best Athlete	NEWTON CARLSON
Worst Rough Houser	SIBLEY SQUIRE
Biggest Bluff	JOHN FLYNN
Biggest Farmer	KIMBALL SHAW
Biggest Grind	ROBERT BEECHER
Biggest Crab	WILLIAM BACON
Works Least	WILLIAM BACON
Foggiest	EDWARD WILLIAMS
Class Baby	MILTON RUMPEL
Biggest Grafter	WILLIAM BACON
Boy that Gets Away with Most	MILTON RUMPEL



Undergraduates



Class of 1930

MEMBERS

M. HAMILTON CARLSON.....	Brookline, Mass.
EVERT D. COBB.....	Meriden, Conn.
WARREN F. FLINT.....	Lincoln, Mass.
JOHN W. LOCKE, JR.....	Newtonville, Mass.
JAMES T. MCCLELLAN.....	Andover, Mass.
JOHN M. MAYER.....	Cincinnati, Ohio
ABBOTT R. O'BRIEN.....	Monson, Mass.
RICHARD K. PRATT.....	Boston, Mass.
JOSEPH S. SATRIANO.....	Hartford, Conn.
RUSSELL E. WATSON, JR.....	New Brunswick, N. J.

The Class of 1930

THERE are but two members of the Class of 1930 who were here at the reopening of the school three years ago. Nevertheless, the boys, as they have joined our class and school, have fallen in line with the movement to start the school in the right way. They are the real leaders of the school, and next year, when they become seniors, it will be nothing unusual for them to take the lead in important matters concerning school-life, and in placing men on the athletic teams. The class, while in the third form, furnished the school with the manager of Basketball and Baseball, and also filled many athletic positions. This last year, among the notables of the school, who were second classmen, were the Football captain, Basketball captain, and Basketball manager.

Next year, the class will have no difficulty in continuing the high standards set up by the first senior class of the new school, which have been followed by both the other senior classes since then. The requirements of a class are more than just to put men on teams, in clubs, and make them leaders of the school. Each week there is posted a rank list which always has contained, high up, the names of members of the Class of 1930. To be real leaders, boys should excel in studies. And that is the main desire of the second classmen. This will make the school known for scholarship rather than merely for athletics.

The Class of 1931

MEMBERS

FREDERICK S. BIDWELL, III.	<i>Windsor Locks, Conn.</i>
CHARLES F. BLOOD	<i>Ridgefield, N. J.</i>
JOHN M. FAIRBANKS	<i>Lowell, Mass.</i>
CHARLES P. FERNALD	<i>Peabody, Mass.</i>
EDWARD A. HOYT	<i>New York, N. Y.</i>
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JOHN E. MARSHALL, JR.	<i>Barrington, R. I.</i>
JAMES B. MARSH	<i>Waban, Mass.</i>
FREDERICK J. PIERCE, JR.	<i>New Bedford, Mass.</i>

THE record of the third class is rather unique in the fact that one half of the members were present at the opening of the new school three years ago. Our first endeavors were, of course, insignificant, but soon we began to take an active part in school activities. For example, the officers of the Junior Debating Society were for the most part selected from our ranks.

In the ensuing years, we have seen our representatives holding positions of influence in school. Most notable perhaps is the fact that the Senior Debating Society has always included a member of the class of 1931 among its officers.

Continually gaining in prestige, the class of 1931 will be able to lead the school in a manner similar to that of the preceding classes.

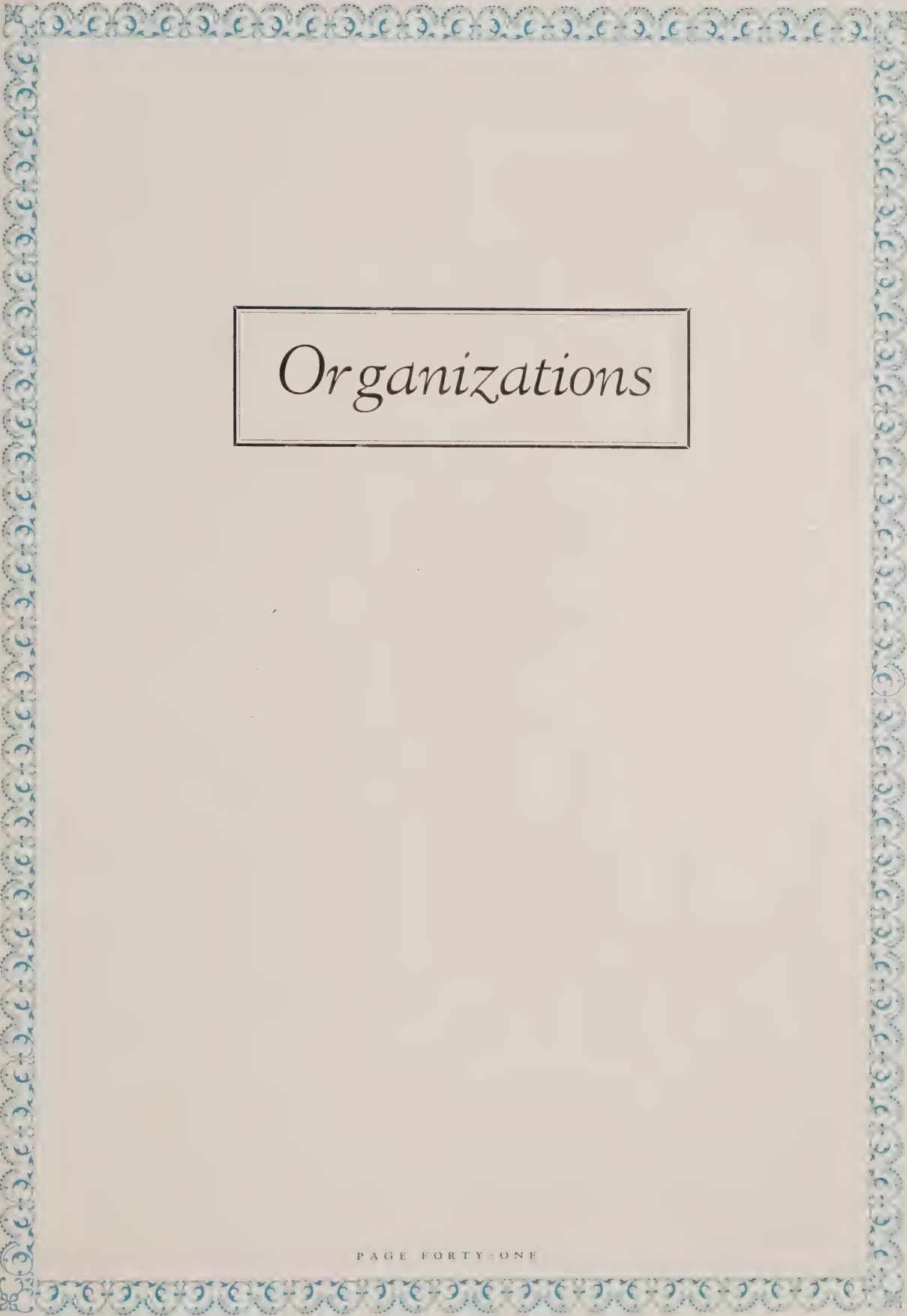
The Class of 1932

MEMBERS

ROBERT C. BRAINARD.....	<i>Palmer, Mass.</i>
R. PETER CLARKE.....	<i>New York, N. Y.</i>
CLARENCE C. O'BRIEN.....	<i>Monson, Mass.</i>
WILLIAM T. SAMPSON.....	<i>Providence, R. I.</i>
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SAMUEL R. WHITING, JR.....	<i>Holyoke, Mass.</i>

AT present we members of the class of 1932 are too young to be of service to the school as athletes. But we realize that one may help the Alma Mater not only on the athletic field but also in the classroom. With this realization, we delight to see our names at, or near, the top of the rank list when it is published each week.

Most of our members were here as sixth classmen at the opening of the new school in 1926. Already, we have started to train ourselves for taking the leadership of the school. Two of our number have been assistants to the Managers of Football and Basketball. A third has been given a part in the Dramatics Club.



Organizations



Student Council

MEMBERS

SYDNEY PENDLETON, *Chairman*

JOHN C. GARDINER, JR.

HENRY N. CARLSON

HAMILTON M. CARLSON

EVERT D. COBB

EACH September as the old and new boys file back to Monson to take up the stride for the new year, one of their first acts is to elect a Student Council. Accordingly an assembly is called by Mr. Strohmeier and nominations for the office are called for. It is the custom to first elect three of the five members from the Senior Class and after a period of about three weeks the remaining two members are elected—this time from the Junior Class. The five members then hold a meeting and elect a chairman. The Chairman then takes charge of the Council and calls meetings regularly every week and oftener if there be need for it.

There are two principal duties of the Council of Monson Academy. The first is to assist the faculty in seeing that school rules are carried out. The second is to make the student's life and work honorable, profitable, and pleasant.



Debating Society

THE present Debating Society is the outcome of the union of the Junior and Senior clubs which were founded in 1926 by Mr. Fernard Ruge, 3rd.

To be eligible for membership it is necessary to participate in at least one debate, for which a shingle is accordingly awarded by the society at the end of the school year.

For the year 1928-1929, Mr. Edward J. Hickey has served as faculty adviser, and several interesting meetings have been held, in spite of the great number of school activities. Among the subjects which were considered are the following: The Cruiser Bill, Capital Punishment, Military Training, and the Overemphasis of Football. At another time our adviser gave a most helpful talk on parliamentary law.

The debates are conducted in the usual collegiate manner and are followed by an opened forum conducted by the presiding officer.

The list of the members with the officers is as follows:

JOHN GARDINER, *President*
WILLIAM BACON, *Vice-President*

JOHN FAIRBANKS, *Secretary-Treasurer*
SYDNEY PENDLETON, *Sergeant-at-Arms*

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RUSSELL WATSON

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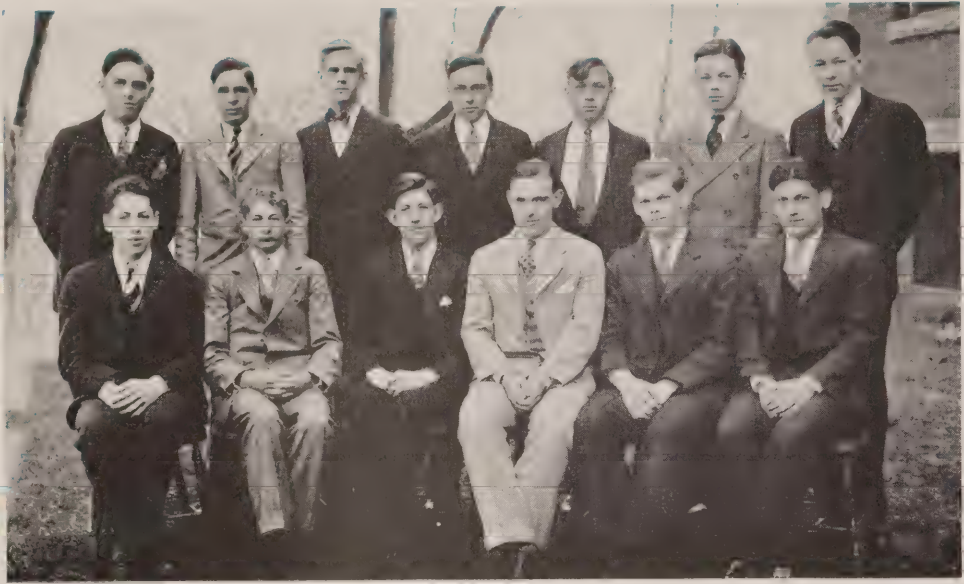
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Glee Club

MEMBERS

RALPH OATLEY, *Director*

WILLIAM BACON
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SIDNEY CARSLY
EVERT COBB

WARREN FLINT
JOHN FLYNN
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THE Glee Club was organized in the Spring of 1928, when Mr. Oatley was engaged as director. In its first year it embraced all members of the school but the following year it was decided to make it a smaller organization and accordingly the membership was cut to its present twelve members.

It has met weekly since its inception and under Mr. Oatley it has progressed rapidly to the point where it is now ready to give concerts the first of which will be given during the coming commencement week.

The success of Mr. Oatley's efforts during the first two years and the fact that the majority of its members will be with it again bids well for future success.



Orchestra

MEMBERS

JEROME JACKSON
ROBERT BEECHER

ABBOTT O'BRIEN
CLARENCE O'BRIEN
KIMBALL SHAW

RALPH TANNER
EDWARD WILLIAMS

THE Monson Academy Orchestra, a development of '28 and '29, gives promise of being a fine organization in years to come. Under the leadership of Mr. Henry Billings the orchestra has given a concert in Palmer for the benefit of the Wing Memorial Hospital, a second in the Chapel for the friends and students of the Academy, and a third on the evening of May fourth, the celebration of the birthday of Frank Chapin Cushman. The last concert this year will be given on June the sixth in conjunction with the Glee Club for the Alumni, friends, and students of the Academy.

The orchestra is composed of seven pieces: a piano, banjo, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, drums, and xylophone. Mr. Billings plays the violin when leading.

The school this year purchased two saxophones for the use of boys interested in learning how to play. The school plans to make similar investments in future years for the advancement of music in the school.

Dramatic Club

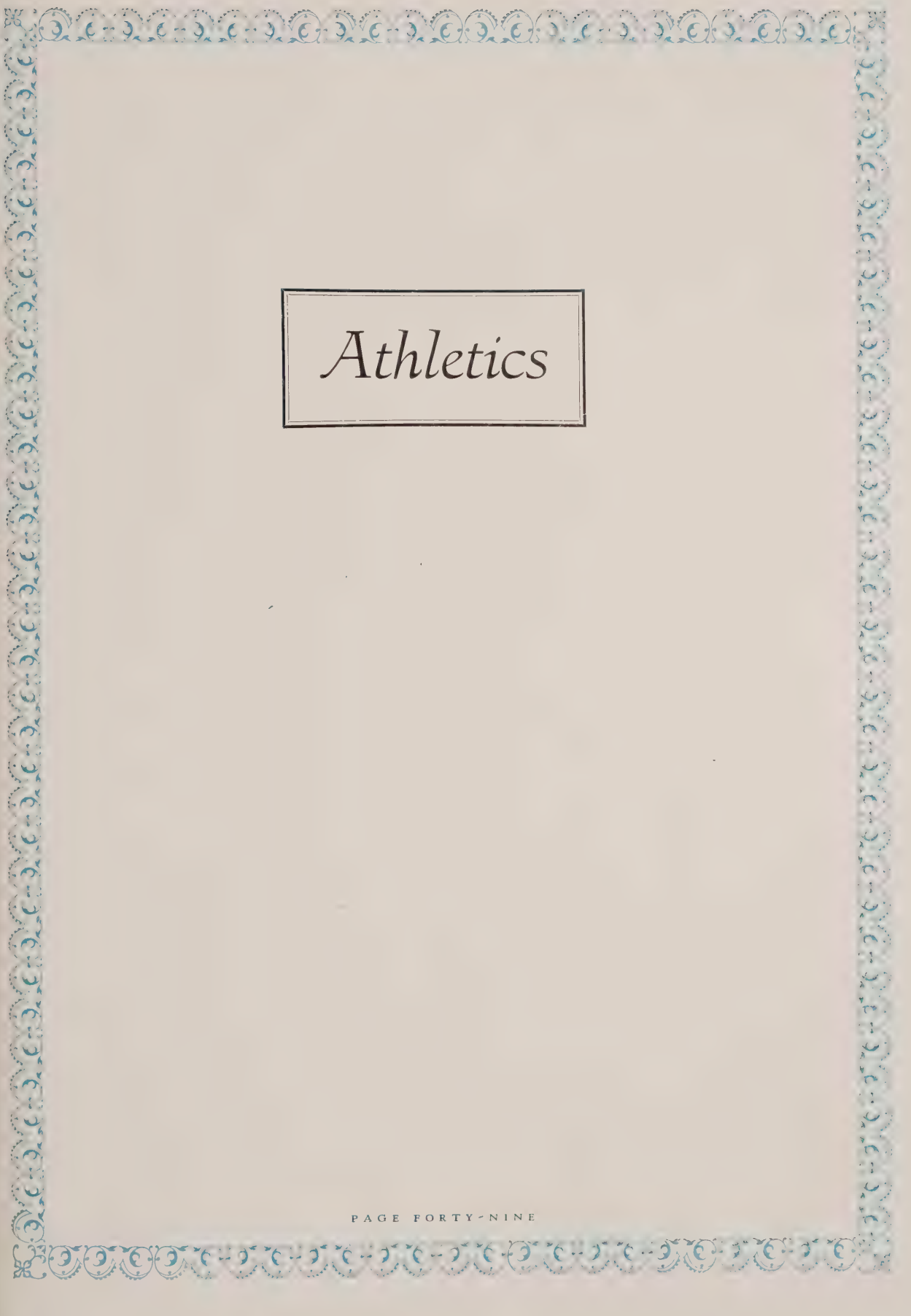
DURING the 1929 spring term a dramatic club was organized. This is the first society of its kind that has been formed in the new Academy, and plans are being made to present a play at commencement. A farce comedy "Give and Take" has been chosen and rehearsals are being held under the supervision of the coach, Mr. Lawrence Bliss. The following comprises the cast:

John Bauer.....	JAMES MARSHALL
Jack Bauer, Jr.	ABBOTT O'BRIEN
Marion Kruger	KARL STONE
Albert Kruger	JOHN LOCKE
Dunn	ROBERT BEECHER
Craig	EVERT COBB

The officers are as follows:

<i>President,</i> ROBERT BEECHER	<i>Manager,</i> EVERT COBB
<i>Assistant Manager,</i> SIBLEY SQUIRE	





Athletics

Athletic Year

AN athlete at Monson Academy must also be a scholar. To compete on school teams, one must maintain a satisfactory scholastic record. As Monson Academy is primarily a College Preparatory School, and owing to the fact that there is a small enrollment, athletics are considered a side issue. Consequently the game schedules are short.

Because of these facts the teams place more emphasis upon good sportsmanship than victory. The games played, however, are none the less difficult for they are seldom played with any other than private schools, which usually put out excellent teams.

This year Monson Academy takes pride in the showing made by its various teams, and may well anticipate a creditable record in years to come.





Football Season

THE fundamentals of football are kicking, tackling, blocking, and passing. With the aim in mind of having a team that tackled cleanly and blocked effectively, a tackling dummy was erected near the baseball stand. The effects of this incessant practice were noticeable throughout the season.

The squad of fourteen reported loyally for drill even without any hope of indulging in the pleasure of play as a real scrimmage was only possible by using a divided line. The theory that a few plays well learned and that a good offense is the best defense, bore fruit in our limited schedule played.

The team acted as a unit in the game with the Monson Cardinals, showing an unexpected degree of facility with the forward pass. The Deerfield second team appeared to be in mid-season form, with a fast running attack. An intercepted pass, and a long pass which Carsley caught high in the air while he was held by two opponents, turned the tide of victory. In his first real game of football, Watson demonstrated his ability as a "ball hawk", covering every fumble made by either side.

McClellan, who was elected captain on the noon of the Deerfield game, has lead his team to victory in our first game at Westminster. This game was featured by the vicious tackling of Squire and the brilliant off-tackle runs of Bidwell. Time was called, as the team was on the opponent's five yard line after a clever fifty-eight yard run by Bidwell made possible by Flynn's taking out three opposing tackles. The return Westminster game was "heads-up" football. H. Carlson and Pendleton intercepted forward passes

FOOTBALL—Continued

and turned them into touchdowns. As a result of such a victory the team was grateful recipients of blankets given by Mr. Brainard.

The last game of the season, at Deerfield, was the most bitterly fought game of the year. It was straight grueling football, keen but hard. Bidwell, right half-back, was removed from the game in the second period because of a strained neck. Every member of the team gave his best in a vain attempt to wrest victory from defeat. The season was just like that, a season marked by highspirited struggle and wholesome sport, with a team acting as an integrated unit.

The prospect for next year depends on what the summer and normal growth brings. It will have to be a new machine as most of last year's team will be graduated in June. Regardless of the men, it is hoped that the school will be fortunate enough to have Mr. Wood back next year. Everyone anticipates the spirit of competitive personal contact that will bring another successful season to Monson.

LETTER MEN

WILLIAM BACON, *Manager*

FREDERICK BIDWELL
HAMILTON CARLSON
NEWTON CARLSON
SIDNEY CARSLEY

EVERT COBB
JOHN FLYNN
JOHN LOCKE
JAMES MCCLELLAN

SYDNEY PENDLETON
RICHARD PRATT
SIBLEY SQUIRE
RUSSELL WATSON

THE SCHEDULE

				<i>Monson</i>	<i>Opp.</i>
October	10	Monson Cardinals	Monson	36	0
	13	Deerfield Academy	Monson	12	0
	24	Westminister School	Westminister	6	0
November	7	Westminister School	Monson	25	0
	15	Deerfield Academy	Deerfield	0	13
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				79	13



Basketball

1928-1929

MR. CONRAD started his successful basketball season on January 12th. by sending the victorious quintet consisting of Cobb and Shaw at forwards, Carsley at center, and N. Carlson and Captain Carlson at guards, against the Woodstock Academy team. Captain Carlson led his team against this small team for a 28-9 victory.

Four days later the same lineup went into the fray against the large squad of Deerfield Academy. Although beaten by a score of 35-9, the team showed that they would not drop out of the picture whenever a better squad came to town.

The team was to play one more game at home, before it played away from town. All the time it was showing that it was far superior to the teams of the past years in the new school. Carsley started his high scoring of each game when he made 12 of the 27 points that went to put the Wilbraham aggregation down with 19 points.

Starting the season away from home, the team went into Springfield to play the American International College team. They beat us, on a fine large floor, by a score of 26-16. It was in this game that "Syd". Pendleton made his debut for 1929, after he had been out with an injury sustained earlier in the season. Playing guard, he made a fine addition to the team.

We came home to play the Stafford Springs High School team which had men in the leading positions in the Connecticut Valley League, and was considered a very strong opponent. The game was not won by the Blue team until the very last minute of play, being quite an upset to the followers of the Connecticut team, as the score was 19-11 at half time, and it looked very promising. But, as usual, the Monson team made a very strong bid for the honors during the second half, succeeding by a score of 34-24.

With three wins and two losses to their credit, Monson went over to Wilbraham on February 5th. to win the first game that any major team of the new Academy had

BASKETBALL—Continued

won away from home. This game was of a mediocre sort, the score being at half time 7-5 in Wilbraham's favor. Then, as usual, the team came out at the beginning of the second half and did play a little basketball to win the tilt 18-14. Nevertheless it was our first victory away from home and the school realized it, as they were given "a Roman Holiday" on the afternoon after the victory, Wednesday.

As the team had held the Deerfield team down pretty well, when they invaded the Holmes Gymnasium, it was felt that they would bid fairer than the last two basketball teams of the new school had done at Deerfield. Although there was not much improvement over the other bids, the team deserves a great deal of credit in putting up such a fight to a team that could easily win by a score of 54-20.

With two men on the bench for studies and sickness, Monson stepped out of the Prep and High School rank and played the Monson Cardinals, a town team, who took us into camp by a score of 28-16.

Another fine game was the second American International College game played at the Monson Gym. The team showed that they had enough left for the second half as they broke a dead lock at the half way mark of 16-16 to win by a score of 37-27.

Last year the team had been beaten by Suffield School by a very small margin, so this year's team went out to avenge it. By very good playing the team beat them 30-19, thus playing the last game of the season, as it proved to be on account of sickness. The game that was due to be played the next week in Suffield would have been a very close one, the winner unknown until the last whistle had been blown.

The team was led in points by Syd. Carsley who scored 111 points. Next came Cobb, who had been out a few games, with 55 points. These, with the other letter men went to make up the 235 points that the Monson team ran up against their opponents 255.

The entire squad is very grateful for the never-failing efforts of Mr. Conrad. Also they are thankful to the parents who made the new uniforms possible. The letter men feel that a word of praise is due the men who came out to practice every day and thereby gave the opposition necessary for the formation of a strong team.

LETTERMEN

HAMILTON CARLSON, *Captain, guard, center*
 NEWTON CARLSON, *guard*
 SYDNEY PENDLETON, *guard*
 SIDNEY CARSLEY, *center forward*

EVERT COBB, *forward*
 JOHN MARSHALL, *forward*
 KIMBALL SHAW, *forward, guard*
 RUSSELL WATSON, JR., *Manager*

Monson

SCHEDULE

Opponents

28	Woodstock (Conn.) Academy	here	9
9	Deerfield Academy	here	35
27	Wilbraham Academy	here	19
16	American International College	Springfield	26
34	Stafford Springs High School	here	24
18	Wilbraham Academy	Wilbraham	14
20	Deerfield Academy	Deerfield	54
16	Monson Cardinals	here	28
37	American International College	here	27
30	Suffield School	here	19
	Suffield School	Suffield	cancelled
	Woodstock Academy	Woodstock	cancelled
	Monson Cardinals	Monson	cancelled

Total, 235

Total, 255



Baseball, 1928-1929

THE fact that The Monson Academy Year Book is going to press before the baseball team has been chosen makes it impossible to include a report of the 1929 season. However, we have six members of last year's team, N. Carlson, H. Carlson, J. Flynn, K. Shaw, F. Bidwell, S. Pendleton, who will form the nucleus of this year's team. The vacancies caused by graduation will probably be capably filled by such new material as Cobb, Locke, Nolen, McClellan, Flynt, and Ellis.

We are glad to state that Mr. Benton is again going to devote his time to coaching the team.

In view of the fact that the majority of the team is composed of veterans, hopes are high for a most successful season.

BASEBALL—Continued

The schedule, as arranged, will open April 19th. and will include the following games:

April	19	Stafford Springs High, (at) Stafford.
	20	American International College, (at) Monson.
May	4	Deerfield 2nd., (at) Deerfield.
	8	Suffield School, (at) Suffield.
	11	Deerfield 2nd., (at) Monson.
	18	Kingswood School, (at) Hartford.
	24	Stafford Springs High, (at) Monson.
June	1	
	8	Enfield High, (at) Monson.

Captain, NEWTON CARLSON '29.

Manager, JOHN C. GARDINER, JR. '29

Coach, HENRY W. BENTON





The Rifle Club

MEMBERS

WILLIAM BACON
HAMILTON CARLSON
NEWTON CARLSON
JOHN FAIRBANKS
CHARLES FERNALD

WARREN FLINT
JOHN MARSHALL
JAMES MARSH
JOHN MAYER

ABBOTT O'BRIEN
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HUGH TAYLOR
RUSSELL WATSON

LAST year the Academy Rifle Club made an auspicious start on its four point indoor gallery, built under the direction of Coach Benton, former captain of the University of Missouri's Rifle Team and member of the Ninth Corps Area's Team in the National Matches at Camp Perry. The members of the team competed successfully, thanks to the careful coaching given by Mr. Benton, with throughout the country, under the auspices of the National Rifle Association of America.

This year's record was seriously impaired by the recurrent school illness although the matches that the club did fire were far better than the corresponding matches last year. The armory of the club was, however, greatly added to by the acquisition of two of the finest new Government rifles.

The club looks forward to next year expectant of fine results owing to its new equipment and the almost certain return of most of the members of its team who are now experienced riflemen.

Intramural Sports

WHEN Mr. Strohmeier announced, on March 4, that the school was in quarantine, things looked rather bad for a while. The last two games of a successful basketball season had to be cancelled. But there were some in the school with an optimistic viewpoint, who looked ahead and said, "Why not have some basketball games between the seniors and the underclassmen." Realizing the wisdom of this idea, the seniors started the ball rolling by challenging the underclassmen. After this game had been played another game was arranged and played. Of these two games, the seniors lost the first but won the second. The Morris House team and the Cushman Hall team were called the "Tigers" and the "Angoras" respectively. Both sides were fairly well matched, and the games showed the good-sportsmanship of each team.

Now that we are out of quarantine, the same idea has carried over into baseball, one game having been played already. This the "Cushman Hall Dogs" won. Evidently they think that "Dogs" will do better work than "Angoras". As this book goes to press, there is at least one more game to be played which the "Tigers" intend to win.

So you see the hated quarantine brought some good times after all.

The line-ups and results for the games are as follows:

First Basketball Game

"TIGERS" 22

PENDLETON, *rf*
SHAW, *lf*
N. CARLSON, *c*
WILLIAMS—BEECHER, *lg*
SQUIRE—NOLEN, *rg*

"PUPS" 37

COBB, *lf*
LOCKE, *rf*
H. CARLSON, *c*
SATRIANO, *lg*
MARSHALL, *rg*

Second Basketball Game

"TIGERS" 40

PENDLETON, *rf*
CARSLEY, *lf*
N. CARLSON, *c*
SQUIRE—WILLIAMS, *lg*
NOLEN—BEECHER, *rg*

"ANGORAS" 30

COBB, *lf*
LOCKE, *rf*
H. CARLSON, *c*
SATRIANO, *lg*
MARSHALL, *rg*

INTRAMURAL SPORTS—Continued

First Baseball Game

"TIGERS" 4

NOLEN, *p*
N. CARLSON, *c*
RUMPEL, *lb*
PENDLETON, *2b*
BACON, *3b*
MR. BENTON, *ss*
FLYNN, *lf*
MR. CONRAD, *cf*
WILLIAMS, *rf*

"DOGS" 20

H. CARLSON, *p*
MARSH, *c*
COBB, *lb*
FLINT, *2b*
MAYER, *3b, Mgr.*
LOCKE, *ss*
SATRIANO, *lf*
BIDWELL, *cf*
MARSHALL, *rf*



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